

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 25-27 are pending in this application. Claims 21-24 and 28-30 were withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 13-20 and 31 are cancelled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 5, 13-20 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over “Graphical Fisheye Views of Graphs” by Sarkar et al. (Sarkar).

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in light of the amendments canceling claims 1-2, 5, 13-20 and 31.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection of claims 1-2, 5, 13-20 and 31.

The Office Action rejects claims 6-9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Sarkar in various combinations with U.S. Patent 5,786,520; U.S. Patent 5,504,853; Latour A Tree Visualization System by Hermann (Hermann); U.S. Patent 6,486,898; and U.S. Patent 5,452,414.

Applicants submit these rejections are moot in light of the amendments canceling claims 6-9 and 11-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 6-9 and 11-12.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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